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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, some 6,000 tenants have been served with 'quit' notice. Representations have been made to the Collector not to evict the tenants on whom such notice has been served. Now in view of the assurance of the Hon. Minister that he will consider the matter, will he at least see that necessary instructions are issued to the Collector of Malabar not to take any action on the notice pending a final decision which can be taken in consultation with the various interests concerned?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think the hon. Member knows the proverb that 'charity begins at home'. Now after satisfying the requirements of the locality, if there is any surplus land available, then we can think of giving it to others who have come from hundreds of miles away."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, on a point of personal explanation. The reply of the Hon. Minister was ambiguous when he stated that one of the encroachers was the hon. Member. If it is aimed at me, let me say that I am far away from the place of encroachment, hundreds of miles away as the Hon. Minister is. May I know to whom the Hon. Minister has referred?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I meant only the hon. Gentleman who donated one-fifth of his estate. This hon. Member did not donate one-fifth of his estate."

August salary to the employees of the Malabar District Board

* *Short Notice Question No.* 17—

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, we shall take up the question to-morrow."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" We are not meeting to-morrow."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, generally short questions are put in view of the urgency of the matter. When the Hon. Speaker had admitted such a question and the necessary instructions have been given to the Hon. Minister and the concerned department, I am grieved to note that the answer to a question which is so imperative and urgent is not given to-day."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I think the Hon. Minister has not received a reply from the Malabar District Board. He might have referred the matter to the district board."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in spite of our best efforts, it may not be possible to get the answer in time even though we are all very anxious about it. After all, the question refers to Malabar and we have to get a reply from Malabar. We cannot give an off-hand answer. I am sure, hon. Members will understand the difficulties of the Government in respect of this matter."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister is perfectly within his rights if he wants notice. But what we want to know is, whether the information is not available and if it is not available, is it due to some mistake somewhere?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I can just now give the answer to the main question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the request of the Malabar District Board to permit payment of salaries to its employees for the month of August 1955 on or before 27th of the month to enable them to meet the expenses connected with the 'Onam' festival of Malayalees which falls on 31st August 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Orders have been issued directing the payment of salary and allowances of all the employees of local bodies and the Government in the Malabar district for August 1955 on the 27th August 1955. So, they will get their salary for the Onam festival."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, is this practice to be followed only in this particular case or is it also to be followed in the case of other important festivals like Deepavali?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think that we once made advance payment for Deepavali also. If the necessity arises, the matter may be considered."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is not the advance payment made only to employees of the Government Transport and not to other Government employees? So, will the Government extend such a concession to other Government servants also?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that if there is necessity for that, the Government will certainly examine it."

Payment of first instalment of debt under Madras Indebted Agriculturists Act

* *Short Notice Question No.* 18.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a memorandum in July 1955 signed by 70,912 peasants in Malabar requesting the Government to extend the period of first instalment of repaying the debt under the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Act, 1955, up to March 31st, 1956; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?